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Jersey City's Annual Artists Studio Tour *East Coast's Fastest Growing Art Scene Features Hundreds of Artists, Dozens of Exhibitions, Galleries, Museums, and Live Entertainment*

A FREE Self-Guided Walking Tour All Weekend

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, and the Jersey City Dept. of Health & Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with ProArts, and the Hudson Reporter, present the 2011 Jersey City Artists Studio Tour, a FREE self-guided walking tour featuring galleries, artist studios and ad hoc exhibition sites. The tour will take place on the weekend of Saturday, October 1st and Sunday, October 2nd from Noon - 6:00 p.m.

In its 21st year, the Annual *Jersey City Artists Studio Tour* is a weekend celebration of the East Coast's fastest growing art scene that features hundreds of artists, dozens of exhibitions, galleries, museums, live music and performances, food, drink and parties – all located just five minutes from Manhattan.

Every year, hundreds of artists participate in the tour attracting thousands of visitors during its two-day run. The *Jersey City Artists Studio Tour* is widely considered New Jersey's premier art and cultural event, and is free and open to the public.

The *Jersey City Artists Studio Tour* features a diverse selection of styles and artistic disciplines, from avant-garde video and sculpture to traditional oil painting. Tour goers will have the opportunity to meet and talk to the artists themselves, including interaction with the artists in their working environments.

From a diverse art scene, to the eclectic shops and boutiques, indulging in multi-ethnic cuisines at local restaurants along the tour route, or simply enjoying the lively atmosphere strolling from one studio to the next, for visitors and tour goers, *this is a wonderful way to spend the weekend exploring all that Jersey City has to offer.*

Provided by Pro Arts, a **shuttle service bus with tour guides** will be available to select venues. Easily accessible, most tour venues are within walking distance of the NY/NJ PATH, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, or jitney bus services.

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A **Free Wheelchair Accessible Guided Tour** is also available to select wheelchair accessible venues over the tour weekend from Noon - 6:00 p.m. Provided By Hudson County Transcend, all persons wishing to take this guided tour, **must make ADVANCED reservations as seats are limited by September 30th**. For details and to reserve a space, please call 201-736-7057.

For transportation schedules and more information, please call the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921 or visit us online at jerseycitynj.gov or proartsjerseycity.org

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